



COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

July 5, 2018

County of Santa Barbara
Planning Commission
c/o Planning & Development
123 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: July 11, 2018 Hearing on Agricultural Employee Dwelling Ordinance Amendment

Dear Chair Blough and Planning Commission Members:

The Santa Barbara County Agricultural Advisory Commission would like to express its support for the Commission's improvements to the proposed Agricultural Employee Dwelling Ordinance Amendment. We appreciate the Commission's engagement and thoughtfulness on this issue of vital importance to agriculture.

We would also like to thank your staff for setting up a subcommittee meeting with us, to gain our input on this matter.

Although the ongoing agricultural labor shortage and the availability and affordability of housing on the Central Coast are complex issues that need to be addressed further, these Ordinance Amendments are a helpful step in the right direction. Thank you for your leadership and diligence on this issue.

Sincerely,

Paul Van Leer, Chair

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